

I am sending this message regarding the FCC Localism Task Force Hearing which will be held in Monterey on the evening of Wednesday, July 21, 2004.

I am the Chief of Police for the City of Salinas, the largest city in Monterey County and on the central coast of California. I have held this position for the last five years. I will be unable to attend the hearing but wanted to document the fact that my experiences with our local broadcasters has been what I could only describe as positive over the last five years. Although there are times when their remarks are not what I would agree with, they are receptive to criticism and discussion. Overall, our local broadcasters work very well with local law enforcement and I am impressed with how many of them get involved in local community service. I have personally worked shoulder to shoulder with many of them on community projects that they commit to. They have shown me that they truly want to be a part of the community, not just a deliverer of the news.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to make this brief comment.

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